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UN CONFERENCE ON GLOBAL WARMING
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UN Conference on global warming is to be held in Bali in December, 2007;

(b) if so, the details of strategy chalked out by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the per capital emission in India exceed to the United States and European Commission;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the trend of emission in India, United States and European Union?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

a) Yes Sir. The United Nations Climate Change Conference is scheduled to be held at Bali, Indonesia from 3-14 December, 2007.

b) In various international negotiations as well as the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), India along with other G-77/China countries took a stand that as per Kyoto Protocol, developed countries should take on further commitments for mitigation as soon as possible. Climate Change is a global environment problem, the principal responsibility for which lies with the developed countries and not with the developing countries such as India. However, India is engaged with the international climate change regime, including the UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol, and various partnerships with other countries under the UNFCCC.

c) - d) No Sir. India's Green House Gas (GHG) emissions are among the lowest in the world in per-capita terms.

e) Although the trends in emissions are expected to increase in the future, it is very difficult to estimate the exact amounts from different nations as they essentially depend on various factors that the individual countries adapt various policy and regulatory systems such as eco-friendly development paths, technologies of the future and implementation of mitigation policies at global levels.